MR. A.J. JOHN (*Vaikam*) : Has the department treated all the infected trees in any particular locality ?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): Which particular locality ?

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Any particular locality.

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*) : They are now treating the affected areas in Vaikam and Shertallai. The Entomologist and the Demonstrator are at work there.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Are they treating it free of cost ?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): The information will be called for.

Direct Recruitment of L. T's. as Teachers.

91. **MR. A. K. PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*) : (1) Are the Government aware of the fact that non-stipendiary L. T's are available for direct recruitment to the Education Department and that in their case Government stand to gain the stipendiary investment of a decent sum ?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons, if any, for having preferred raw graduates to L. T's when the latter were also among the candidates who applied ?

(3) Have any L. T's been directly recruited to the department in previous years and what were the terms on which they were entertained ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (1) Government are aware that L. T's who were non-stipendiary students of the Training College are available for recruitment to the Education Department and that, if they are appointed, Government will be saved the expense of granting stipends for training.

(2) In the English School (Boys) Branch of the department, only graduates with previous acting service in the department have been appointed since the L. T's applied. In the Girls' School Branch, one untrained graduate in Mathematics has been appointed as there was no trained graduate applicant with the necessary qualifications. In the Vernacular Branch, two untrained graduates have been appointed temporarily ; but these appointments are being reconsidered. Further specific cases that the member may bring to notice will be looked into.

(3) Some L. T's were recruited to the department in previous years on initial salaries varying from Rs. 60 to Rs. 100 per mensem.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Sir, in view of the fact that the Government also recognise that, if non-stipendiary L. T's. are appointed, Government will be able to save the expenditure on account of stipends for the Government teachers that are now being trained, and also in view of the fact that the *Education Code* insists on having L. T's , will not the Government make it a rule that only non-stipendiary L. T's. should be appointed whenever they are available ?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That will be considered.

Means of Communication in the Karunagapalli Taluk.

92. **MR. A. K. PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state to what extent they have carried out their assurance repeatedly made to the representatives of the Karunagapalli taluk at the last four sessions of the S. M. P. Assembly regarding the scanty means of communication in that taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): In consideration of the representations made, the following works have been completed, are in progress, or have been provided for in the budget for 1101 :—

(1) Improving the old village road from Krishnapuram to Karunagapalli.

(2) Opening a cart road from Pullikanaku to Krishnapuram.

(3) Improving the road from Karunagapalli to Kamankulangara.

(4) Converting the village road from Padanayarkulangara to Sastancottah into a cart road.

(5) Gravelling the Oachira market road.

(6) Improving the village road from Kollakadavu to Marutukulangara.

(7) Regravelling the Chavara-Pattakadavu road.

(8) Opening a road from Tamarakulam market to Sri Mulamadhavapuram market at Azhikal (road from Oachira to Alumkadavu).

(9) Constructing a road from Krishnapuram bridge to the shore of the Kayankulam lake.

(10) Constructing the Kannathil bridge.

(11) Improving village roads.

(12) Improving and dredging the waterways from Trivandrum northwards.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to enquire what the P. W. D. have done in relation to the Vallikavu-Oachira road which is in an ungravelled condition and which is not a cart road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Is it one of the works mentioned in the question?

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): No, it is not mentioned there.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government will enquire into the matter.

Model Farms.

93. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*):

(*a*) Are all the model farms of the Agricultural Department situated in places accessible to people by means of vehicles?

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